

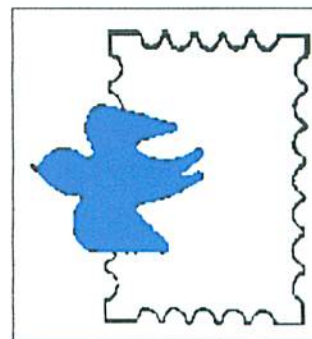
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meetings at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade
View auction lots
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
9:30 am - Meeting & auction

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday January 4th meeting 23 members enjoyed the fun for first meeting of the new year. **Hank** reported that the Ken-Rock Kids thanked us for the funds to make their Christmas Party more enjoyable.

Tim W. made a show report and things are lining up. Still need exhibits and may need help Friday night if we are allowed into Forest Hills early for set up.

We will have a kids club stamp donation box at future meetings. No raffle box this month.

Show and Tell -

1. Stanley Campbell - Egypt Postal Money order with four revenue stamps and a 1948 Israeli document with a revenue.
2. Hank Fox - 1 1/2c cut square "add on". Alex Spanos Air Show event cover. Part owner of the San Diego Chargers.
3. Winston Ackmann - Liberia 2016 43rd President Issue. One with George W. Bush and one with "President" Albert Gore!

Why don't you bring something to share Wednesday?

Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club

Tammy Copus reported much activity and excitement about preparing presentations for our show. The kids are busy working away. They are looking for philatelic items in the following categories to help.

American Flags	Humming Birds
Flowers	Butterflies
Basketball	Walt Disney
Penguins	Poland
State American Birds	

PLEASE bring anything related to the above topics that you can donate to the kids. It will be much appreciated!

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday January 17th meeting 21 members braved the cold outside and inside! **Winston Ackmann** continued to donate lots and raised \$27.75 for the club treasury. Thank you **Winston!** We continue to draw out of town members to the morning meeting; and they bring and buy auction lots!

WEATHER POLICY & More

Our policy towards cancellations of the Wednesday night or Tuesday morning meetings is pretty easy to follow. If the Rockford Public Schools are closed that day, the facility is also closed, so our meetings will be cancelled.

It's Cold Inside! Due to the continued State Budget Crisis, our landlords are not providing adequate heat or addressing any of the roof issues. We are **looking for new meeting sites**. If you have any location ideas, bring it up at the next club meeting.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat Feb 11 - Janesville Stamp Show

Janesville, WI. Ramada Inn, 3900 Milton, Ave. Hours 9:30-4. Exhibits and dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Mar 4-5 - Stampfest '17

West Allis, WI. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 So. 92nd St., West Allis, WI. Hours Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Mar 11-12 - Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Loves Park, IL. Rockford Stamp Club. 1601 W. Lane Rd. Hours Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4. 15 dealers, competitive exhibits, silent auction, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

USPS 2017 New Issues

Lili'uokalani Gardens
\$6.65 Priority Mail
January 22—Kansas City, MO



This Priority Mail stamp coincides with the 100th anniversary of **Lili'uokalani Gardens in Hilo, Hawai'i**. Built on land donated by Queen Lili'uokalani, the last Hawaiian monarch to govern the islands, the gardens were dedicated in 1917 and named in her honor. The Gardens are Japanese in style with influences of Hawaiian remains of lava flows, plantings of tropical trees and flowers, and a view of the Mauna Kea volcano—Hawai'i's highest point. The stamp art features one of the Gardens' most iconic structures, the red wooden shelter on a stone bridge spanning a portion of the pond.

Gateway Arch
\$6.65 Express Mail
January 22—Kansas City, MO



The Postal Service features the **Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri** with this Express Mail stamp. The Gateway Arch was built as a memorial to President Thomas Jefferson and the 19th-century traders and pioneers for whom St. Louis was the gateway to the West. The stamp art depicts the stainless-steel arch at sunset in its setting on the banks of the Mississippi River. Towering above the city's skyline, the Gateway Arch is reflected in the rippling water below.



Sea Shells
Forever Postcard Rate
February 28—San Diego, CA

Whether used as jewelry, decorative displays or simply “listening to the ocean” while walking along the beach, Americans exhibit a fascination with seashells. Four new postcard rate Forever stamps now highlight the wonder of seashells, which are the *hard, protective outer layer created by an animal that lived in the sea*. Each stamp depicts a shell found in North American waters: Depicted left to right are the Queen conch, commonly known as the pink conch, the Pacific calico scallop, the alphabet cone, and the zebra nerite. Each stamp depicts a highly stylized artistic view of the shells. Horizontal swaths of white and blue in the background suggest waves washing the shells onto a beach.

Patriotic
Non-Denominated / Non-Profit
February 10—Fort Lauderdale, FL
Coil rolls of 3,000 and 10,000



The latest non-denominated, non-profit price stamp continues the Patriotic theme for these stamps by incorporating the 2016 stamp in the 2017 design. The letters "USA" in blue are accompanied by a bright red star on a white background with a blue border. To create the new design, the 2016 USA stamp art was rendered smaller to accommodate a new blue border. The stamp is intended for bulk mailings by authorized non-profit organizations.

With the release of Uncle Sam's Hat in 2017, the Postal Service employs one of America's most popular patriotic characters. Known especially for his large top hat decorated in varying patterns of stars and stripes, Uncle Sam has symbolized the American spirit for more than 150 years. The stamp features eight “Uncle Sam” style top hats. Beneath each hat, the oval shapes in differing shades are meant to suggest the ethnic and racial diversity of the United States. A 1998 stamp depicted another version of Uncle Sam's Hat for the “H” First Class Rate stamp. On this 2017 stamp “Additional Ounce” indicates that the stamp will always be valid for that rate.

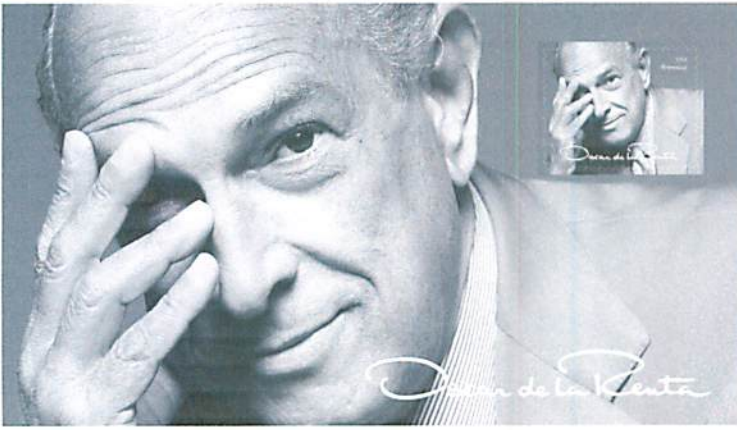
Uncle Sam's Hat
Additional Ounce Forever
February 18—Mesa, AZ



Grapes
February 24
Grapevine, TX

This new five-cent definitive stamp features two clusters of deep-purple Pinot noir grapes growing on vines among several green leaves. Identified as a French wine grape, it is now grown in other regions including Oregon and California in the United States. Translated from the French, "pinot" is "pine", for the pine-cone shaped clusters in which the grapes grow, and "noir" is "black".

USPS 2017 New Issues



Oscar de la Renta

February 16—New York, NY

Most widely known for dressing the nation's first ladies and celebrities, Oscar de la Renta (1932–2014) was one of the world's leading fashion designers for more than 50 years. He is said to have elevated American style and brought international attention to New York as a world leader in fashion. This pane of 11 stamps features a black-and-white portrait of the couturier and 10 details from several of his most exquisite gowns.



John F. Kennedy

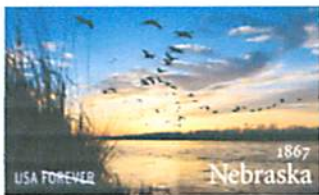
February 20—Boston, MA



This stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy. Born May 29, 1917, Kennedy was the 35th and youngest President of the United States. During his administration, cut short by his assassination on November 22, 1963, he presided over such events as the Cuban Missile Crisis, Bay of Pigs Invasion, passing of a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty and the establishment of the Peace Corps. His service to his country included World War II, during which he earned the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for heroism and the Purple Heart for injuries; and terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senator from Massachusetts. More than 50 years after his death he is still regarded as one of the most popular American Presidents.

Nebraska Statehood

March 1—Lincoln, NE



This stamp celebrates the 150th anniversary of Nebraska's statehood. Nebraska was established as a territory by the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 and was admitted to the Union as the 37th state on March 1, 1867, after agreeing that suffrage would not be denied to non-white voters.

Early settlers were primarily farmers, and the Cornhusker State is known even today for its agriculture and meat packing industries. The stamp design depicts prairie grasses on the riverbank between the small cities of Grand Island and Kearney, with sand hill cranes flying low to scout for shelter from nighttime predators in a mid-migratory rest for half a million birds along the Platte River.

The Postal Service celebrates a favorite backyard bird on this Barn Swallow stamped envelope. It features a large illustration of a barn swallow perching and a smaller illustration above it, showing the bird in flight. The barn swallow originally nested in caves. As man-made structures began to cover the North American landscape, barn swallows adapted by building their mud nests under the eaves of barns, houses and bridges. Barn swallows are acrobatic flyers, and a single bird can catch and consume thousands of insects in one day.

Barn Swallow Stamped Envelope

March 3—Reno, NV



The National Postal Museum by Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

While on a recent trip to Washington D.C., I had the opportunity to visit the National Postal Museum, albeit a short visit. Unfortunately, about one-half of the William H. Gross Gallery stamp display was closed due to some glitch in the display system. I did have the opportunity to view the British Guiana 1£ magenta and a block of 4 of the inverted Jenny, so not all was lost.

The museum is a must see if you ever have the opportunity. It has something for everyone and for all ages. Since it is said a picture is worth a thousand words I will share some pictures, however photography of stamps was not allowed.



Exterior view of windows at night, very colorful and attention grabbing!



Welcome at top of escalator.



Ceiling above the escalator.



Our first postmaster!



City Post Office with mail wagon.


While you must go through a security checkpoint for entrance to the museum, once inside, the internal security staff is very friendly, helpful, and encourage you to take photographs and participate in the interactive displays. They also help to ensure that you see the entire museum. The following photographs are different types of mail transportation on display.



See more pictures on page 5.

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The Rockford Stamp Club

 American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

WEB SITE UPDATE - We are looking to get more information on the Website. Please log on and take a look. Contact Webmaster, Ted Gifford with any comments or bring it up at a meeting.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 11-12, 2017

The dealer bourse is full for 2017! See below for a list of the returning and three NEW dealers this year.

Exhibit entries for the inaugural **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 11-12, 2017** are still being solicited. If you are interested in participating in the 2-3-4 competition, see me or go to our website, rockfordstampclub.org to get the prospectus and application. We will still have a **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame**, exhibits so keep working on anything you would like to show. See me for more details or assistance in preparing your exhibit.

Get your auction lots ready now! Each member and dealer is allowed **10 lots each day**. Forms will be available at the February and March meetings. Remember there is a **\$5 minimum starting bid**.

We will be returning to **Stockholm Inn** to enjoy their excellent buffet dinner for our awards banquet. We will start dinner at 6PM. **Let Tammy know if you will be attending**, so we can start getting a count.



Thank you for touring the museum with me and I believe I forgot to mention, admission is free, and the only day the museum is not open is Christmas Day.

MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	NEW MEMBER AD
For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.	Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.	Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.

ROCKFORD 2017 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

This year we will again have 14 stamp dealers for you to shop with at the show. Remember, the dealers are the backbone of our show and their support allows us to put on this event. Call ahead and tell them what you are looking for.

New for 2017

Fox River Stamps
Michael Mules
Salem, WI
414-234-9867

University Ave. Stamps
Denise Lemke
Middleton, WI
608-831-1277

Vest Pocket Philatelist
Bill DiSalvatore
Cherokee Village, AR
870-287-2809

John's Stamp Den
John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

Alroy Stamps
Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Double J Stamps
Jeff
Arlington Heights, IL
847-843-8700

Rockford Coin & Stamp
Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Phil Edwards
Normal, IL
309-452-2593

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Applebox Philatelic's
Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

DMS Collectibles
John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248

W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6:00pm, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

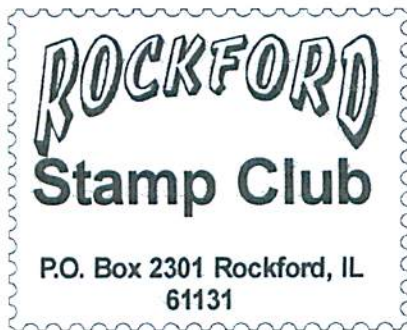
The 2017 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
815-226-4391
Vice-President.....Ward Miller
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Director.....Steve Capone
Webmaster.....Ted Gifford
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869

Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
1992 Evert Thelene *	2000 Thomas Johnston
1993 Donald Arnquist	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
1995 Dick Wibom	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



FEBRUARY Meetings

Wednesday, Feb 1 and Tuesday Feb 21

Don't miss out on the fun!